



Sky Hiatt's Anthropological Alphabet

The pictures here are part of a series of 26 oil paintings that comprise a visual alphabet of the world's tribal and traditional people. I began the project a few years ago, hoping that parents could use it to introduce their children to human cultural diversity. Children develop opinions quite early in life that are often very difficult to change later on. Some young people will grow up to favor sameness, others to appreciate differences. Even though I was raised in culturally homogenous central Michigan, I've always been fascinated by cultural variety.

Traditional people are presented here in their rich regional individuality. Borders are taken from cultural designs and patterns, and backgrounds generally represent the geography of the part of the world in which the tribes live. Hopefully The Anthropological Alphabet will help foster a respect and understanding of our multi-cultural world.

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